

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Plaetinck et al.  
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For: CHARACTERISATION OF GENE FUNCTION USING  
DOUBLE STRANDED RNA INHIBITION

Examiner: Dana Shin  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Madam:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2008.

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**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this amendment.